

# **Director's Scholarship Application**

The Director's Scholarship is a four-year, full-tuition award valid only on the Madrid campus, the recipients of which represent the most exemplary student leaders on our campus. The Madrid campus reserves the right to limit the number of awards yearly. Students with a Director's Scholarship must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2. Students who decide to transfer to the St. Louis campus after completion of at least one term will be awarded the Vice President Scholarship for that campus.

#### **Award Value**

The Director's Scholarship has a semester value equivalent to full tuition cost as published on our web.

#### **Eligibility and Duration**

#### **Eligibility**

First-year applicants who meet the following minimum requirements are invited to apply for Director's Scholarship:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 3.85 or higher, weighted or unweighted, as reported on your transcript at the time of submission of the Director's Scholarship application form.
- Official test score of at least 30 composite on the ACT or SAT of at least 1330 (math + critical reasoning) taken prior to March 2016 or a 1390 (math + evidence-based reading and writing) taken after March 2016.

Only applicants who meet these requirements will be considered eligible for candidacy. These criteria will be used only for determining eligibility and will not guarantee that the student will be selected either for further competition or as a Director's Scholarship recipient.

#### Duration

The Director's Scholarship is awarded for a maximum of eight semesters of continuous, full-time, undergraduate enrollment, or until completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first. Renewal is automatic but contingent upon the student maintaining a 3.2 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at Saint Louis University. If a Director's Scholarship recipient's cumulative SLU GPA falls below the requisite renewal 3.2 cumulative GPA, as reviewed at the end of each spring semester, this may result in a change or full loss of the scholarship.

Director's Scholarship recipients are expected to adhere to the University's published Student Codes of Conduct and to participate in University activities that support and further the mission of Saint Louis University – Madrid.

Director's Scholarship recipients will be expected to complete 10 departmental support hours per week (with no compensation) during the fall and spring term, and 5 hours per week if he or she registers for a summer session.



### **Application Requirements**

### Applicants must:

- 1. Meet the initial eligibility requirements.
- 2. Submit all components of our application for first-year admission, including test scores required by March 1.
- 3. Submit a scholarship essay in writing of no more than 500 words about the following topic:

Nearly all of our Director's Scholarship applicants have demonstrated significant involvement in extracurricular activities, achieved recognition on a variety of levels and held at least one leadership position in his/her high school. Bearing that in mind, write about your related experiences and future aspirations that identify you as a deserving candidate for this scholarship.

## **Study Abroad and Transfer**

For Saint Louis University – Madrid campus students spending a semester as a visiting (i.e. study abroad) student on the Saint Louis University – St. Louis campus, the Director's Scholarship may be used towards tuition expenses.

For Saint Louis University – Madrid campus students moving permanently to the Saint Louis University – St. Louis Campus, their Director's Scholarship will automatically convert into the Vice President Scholarship, which is managed by the St. Louis Campus and which is subject to the particular conditions of that scholarship. If the student returns to the SLU-Madrid Campus, the scholarship will be converted back to the Director's Scholarship.

The Director's Scholarship cannot be applied towards the cost of study abroad programs sponsored by other universities, other than those with whom the Madrid campus has a formal exchange agreement.

# Leave of Absence

If a student has to leave the University for any reason, including a suspension, and/or cannot maintain continuous, undergraduate, full-time, fall/spring enrollment, the student may request a Leave of Absence from the Office of Academic Advising. Students with merit scholarships should indicate their merit scholarship award information on this form. Although a Leave of Absence can be requested for a longer period of time, requests for merit scholarship continuity will only be granted for leaves that do not exceed one academic year in length. Without granted approval, the student's scholarship renewal eligibility will be terminated without appeal. If approved, a scholarship recipient is permitted to be absent from the University or be enrolled less than full-time over an approved academic period without jeopardizing his/her scholarship renewal eligibility.

#### Combination with other forms of Financial Aid

While students may receive only one Saint Louis University merit-based scholarship, the scholarship they receive may be combined with need-based financial assistance and/or outside funding.